

Juvenile Justice Commission
Thursday, October 20, 2022
Shasta County Juvenile Probation Conference Room
1810 Market Street Redding, California
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Troy Foster, **Chairman**
Betty Cunningham
Steve MacFarland
Barbara Van Dyke
Cindy Vogt
Jackson Crupi
Susan Duncan
Jennifer Coulter
Steve Morgan

Others Present

Tracie Neal, **Probation**
Chelsey Chappelle, **Probation**
Twyla Carpenter, **Probation**
Carla Stevens, **Probation**
Jeremy Kenyon, **Probation**
Dennis Hoerning, **Probation**
Daren Fisher, **Probation**
Ivan Sevilla, **Probation**
Rick Carl, **Probation**
Danielle Gehrung, **GEO Group**
Jackie Durant, **Hope City**
Susan Wilson, **Youth Options**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Troy Foster. A quorum was present.

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Commission members will review and approve minutes from the July 28, 2022, meeting

Steve MacFarland moved to approve the minutes. Betty Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

4. Introduction of New Juvenile Probation Officers

Tracie Neal introduced Rick Carl, Mahala Rogers, and Ivan Sevilla all new Deputy Probation Officers. Tracie Neal then introduced Daren Fisher, the new Chief Fiscal Officer for Probation.

5. Probation Reports

a. Juvenile Probation Division

Division Director Jeremy Kenyon reported that the Juvenile Probation Division has been recently. There are two new Juvenile Prevention Officer positions; one at West Valley High School and the other at North Valley High School. Jeremy also

mentioned a couple of staff are working extended hours to assist with the facilitation of youth treatment programming after school and in the evenings at the Juvenile Division.

b. Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)

Chelsey Chappelle reported for the JRF, as Director Carla Stevens was unable to be present at the meeting. She reported that the JRF population has risen and is now at thirty-two residents. Five of the residents are out-of-county youth from Lassen County. School has been going well and there is new Principal, Carie Webb and new Vice Principal, Cheyenne.

Chelsey mentioned the JRF recently received a 20-year-old resident who we believe may be in the JRF for an extended period. This youth is difficult and brings along challenges for the facility. Susan Duncan asked about why a twenty-year old resident was in the JRF. Chelsey responded that twenty is within the age range for residents in the JRF. Jackson Crupi asked if the twenty-year-old person committed their crime as a juvenile. Chelsey replied that this person did.

Chairman Steve McFarland asked what COVID levels in the JRF were like. Chelsey replied by stating that they currently have no active COVID cases. Steve then asked if the residents are getting the COVID vaccines. Chelsey responded the JRF does provide vaccines to the youth that want them, with their parents' permission.

Chelsey provided an update regarding the transition from Wellpath to Shasta Community Health as a medical provider for the JRF. This occurred July 1st, and she commended the helpful, very involved care Shasta Community Health has been providing to the residents. Chelsey also noted that many of the residents were already patients of Shasta Community Health Center which made the transition even easier.

- **River's Edge Academy (REA)**

Tracie Neal stated that there are ten juveniles currently in REA. She then introduced Danielle Gehrung of GEO Group. Danielle recently completed an annual report on the behavioral treatment and programming. She then relayed her report's findings to the commission in a presentation. Danielle went over classifications, demographics, an adolescent thinking scale, ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences), cognitive behavioral treatments, and employment opportunities. She mentioned they have received twenty-one referrals, with eleven enrollments. Practicing new behaviors, she noted, is something that the residents really enjoy doing.

Jennifer Coulter asked Danielle what the turnout was like for the alumni of the program. Danielle replied that it was good, with three youth attending out of seven graduates. Steve MacFarland asked for an overview of GEO

Reentry Services. Danielle provided an overview of the GEO company indicating an overall focus on providing quality services, evidence-based practices, and cognitive behavioral treatment. Betty Cunningham had a question about re-entry for students for post-graduation, post release.

- **Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP)**

Jeremy Kenyon stated that two youth have been sentenced to the STTP program in Shasta County. One resident is scheduled to be released on a step down and supervision soon. The second youth has been experiencing challenges with the program, showing little motivation due to a lengthy confinement sentence. Tracie Neal mentioned the CEO's office has approved another Supervising Probation Officer position for the JRF which will also support the STTP. Deputy Probation Officer III Angel Marshall has just been designated to serve the STTP population of the JRF.

6. Judge's Comments

No comments. Judge Bigelow was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Discussion Items

None

8. Action Items

a. Consider approving the annual JRF Inspection Report.

Steve MacFarland and Jennifer Coulter thanked those who completed the report. Cindy Vogt asked about a question on page four of the report concerning safe storage of chemicals and secure storage areas being marked "no". Chelsey and Susan responded by stating those two areas were addressed but not physically seen. It was then agreed that more specific language should be used. Tracie stated that the question involving gutters with roofs and drains could also use more clarification, as the JRF has no gutters.

Jennifer Coulter motioned to accept the report with changes. Steve MacFarland seconded. Motion passed.

9. Commission Member Comments

Jackson Crupi gave a brief report on Central Valley High School. He reported no instances of drug or alcohol abuse at his school since his last report. Jackson also reported that violence at Central Valley has been neutral, shifting from physical to more verbal

confrontations between students. He shared about his school's upcoming homecoming dance and football game. He is also soon to start work at Viking Skate Country, which he is excited for because it will allow him to connect more with youth.

Steve MacFarland asked Tracie about the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)'s visit to the JRF last August. Tracie provided a brief overview of the visit.

10. Other Business

Steve MacFarland mentioned his upcoming campaign for re-election to the Shasta County Board of Education. Jackson Crupi asked if the Board is looking for any student board members. Steve replied that the Board currently is not recruiting for new youth members.

Next meeting scheduled for January 19th, 2023, at 3:00pm in the conference room at Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street in Redding, California.

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Troy Foster at 4:23pm.